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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Timothy Hotchkiss, 25, of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John Shabaz to 140 months in federal prison without parole, followed by a three-year term of supervised release. Hotchkiss pleaded guilty on November 17, 2005 to possessing with intent to distribute cocaine in the Madison area.

At today's sentencing, Hotchkiss agreed that he had distributed in excess of five kilograms of cocaine in 2004 and 2005. In sentencing Hotchkiss, Judge Shabaz expressed concerns over Hotchkiss' prior drug dealing activities. In 2003, Hotchkiss pled guilty to a state charge of possession with intent to distribute and received a two-year prison term. Judge Shabaz noted that Hotchkiss continued to sell cocaine up to the day he reported to state prison in February 2004 and began selling cocaine a month after he was released from prison in October 2004.

Judge Shabaz also explained that he imposed a sentence at the higher end of the advisory sentencing guidelines range because of Hotchkiss' conduct on July 22, 2005. When Drug Enforcement Administration agents attempted to arrest Hotchkiss that day, he fled the scene in a car at a high rate of speed, and was observed pouring cocaine out

of the window of his car. Agents later recovered 39 grams of cocaine from the road.

The charges against Hotchkiss were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison office of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Meredith Duchemin and Daniel J. Graber.

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